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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees from Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account 02-0383.

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/170,574, filed on October 13, 1998, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the listed documents are not enclosed, as they have been previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/170,574.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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